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Inspection service at St. John.

St. John, New Brunswick, March 18, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended March 15 the following vessels and their crews were inspected at this port: Steamer, 1; schooners, 7; seamen, 100.

Respectfully,

T. DYSON WALKER, United States Medical Inspector.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Cholera at Manila.

[Cablegram.]

MANILA, P. I., March 24, 1902.

WYMAN, Washington: Cholera in now present at Manila; 18 cases. Think the disease was introduced by vegetables, Canton. The local board of health is taking all necessary steps to control. Quarantine rigid.—Perry.

Reports from Manila—Improvement in health conditions.

MANILA, P. I., February 14, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that Manila, has remained free from plague and smallpox during the month of January, 1902, and that no cases of either disease occurred during the week ended February 8, 1902.

The condition is much better than in previous years, but it is too early to predict the proportions plague may assume later. Although the weather has been exceptionaly cool, I do not attribute this as a factor, but think the cleaning of the houses and the closing of several badly infected centers of last year have done much to lessen the prevalence of the disease.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Manila, P. I., February 14, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of the quarantine transactions of the quarantine service for the Philippine Islands for the month of December, 1901, as follows:

PORT OF MANILA.

Bills of health issued— To United States ports. To foreign ports. To domestic ports	39		
		Total	263